

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Birchwood Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri, which will host its Grand Opening Celebration on October 4, 2003; and

Whereas, Birchwood Plaza is a stellar example of a neighborhood that has taken a lead in re-invigorating the area with its revival spirit; and

Whereas, Birchwood Plaza has been a cornerstone in community development through the creation of new jobs for area residents; and

Whereas, Birchwood Plaza offers a wide variety of retail shops that include Dollar General Stores, Discount One, J & K Sales, Empire Capital, Life Quest Ministry, Tele Globe, ICMI, Moore Carpet, Bates Painting, Dramatic Truth Performing Arts, and CIENA; and

Whereas, Birchwood Plaza is currently in negotiations to bring a barber/salon shop, daycare facility, and deli/grocery store to its shopping center; and

Whereas, special words of commendation go out to Saad Wakas, owner of Birchwood Plaza, whose vision and unwavering commitment to the Kansas City community has revitalized the neighborhood and created new employment opportunities for its residents:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to all those dedicated individuals affiliated with Birchwood Plaza at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Birchwood Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Cathy Jolly
District No. 45

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4261, adopted September 25, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker